

## **Demonstration Notice December 13, 2010**

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Bahrain from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Upcoming demonstration information follows:

**From 8:00 am Wednesday, December 15, 2010 to 8:00 am Friday, December 17, 2010: In conjunction with Ashura, large scale events and gatherings are scheduled to be held throughout Bahrain. In particular, the areas between Sheraton Hotel and the Bahrain Mall, including the Manama Souq, as well as Al Dair, Sanabis, Jidd Hafs, Dumistan, Karzakan and Budaiya Highway from 2nd street to the Alsahla roundabout could be locations with large crowds. Though these gatherings are expected to be peaceful, appropriate measures should be taken to avoid these areas.**

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Consular Information Sheet for Bahrain, and Regional Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The Embassy's web site, which includes consular information and the most recent messages to the American community in Bahrain, is at <http://bahrain.usembassy.gov>.